Mr. I. N. Menon.—The department is aware that it has been tried and stopped and there is nothing to prevent this being stopped except finance.

Teak plantation—Parlikad.

269. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state·—

(a) when the Parlikad Teak Plantation near Vadakkancheri was planted ;

(b) what is the amount spent upon its up-keep annually for the last four years ;

(c) is the undergrowth in the plantation cleaned from time to time, when was the same done last;

(d) were not the remnants of the dead body of a human being in decaying condition recovered from this plantation by the Vadakkancheri Police in the month of Kanni 1106 ;

(e) is there any special establishment attached to this plantation ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(a) There is no Teak Plantation at Parlikad.

(b) to (e). In view of the above reply these do not arise.

Well in Pullazhi Village.

270. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there was not a petition in 1102 from the Ezhuthassan community of Pullazhi Village for giving them a well in Sy. No. 669 of the said village ;

(b) whether anything has been done in the matter as yet?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Enquiry was made. The site selected was not found to be suitable and therefore it was abandoned. The question of providing a well for the petitioners is being considered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Sub-division (b). 'The site selected was not found to be suitable'. When was that ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I want notice.

Mr P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has the Government come to any conclusion with regard to the question of providing a well ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Not yet.

Tank in Chevoor Village.

271. Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there was not a petition from the inhabitants of Chevoor Village praying for a tank for bathing purposes in Sy. No. 104 of the said village ;

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(b) whether the Government inquired into this petition and with what result?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes; the tank applied for improvement being a private tank the Panchayat has been asked to select a suitable site.

Special Overseer—College Buildings—Ramavarmapuram.

272. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(1) who was appointed Special Overseer for the construction of the College buildings, etc., at Ramavarmapuram and what is his pay for the post;

2. when was he entertained in the State service and what are the various posts held by him and how long in each capacity and what is his permanent appointment and pay;

3. are there Overseers with executive experience in P.W.D. drawing higher permanent pay than him in the department; if so, who are they and what are their qualifications and how were they employed so long and why was any one of these not selected for the post?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1. Mr. M. Govinda Menon on a pay of Rs 80—100.

2. He was first entertained on Karkadagam 19; 1092. A list showing the various posts held by him in the State service is appended (*Vide Appdix II.*) His permanent post is that of 3rd Draftsman, Head Office. He draws the maximum on the Rs. 40—60 grade.

3. A list is appended (*Vide Appendix III.*) The Special Overseer's work in this case will include a great deal of architectural drawing for which Mr. Govinda Menon was found to be the most satisfactory. In the interests of the work, therefore, he was selected as the Special Overseer.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know whether the Overseers mentioned in Appendix III have no experience in architectural drawing?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have already replied to that. Mr. Govinda Menon was found to be the most satisfactory.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—My question is, have not the Overseers in Appendix III experience in architectural drawing?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—They have not got any special attribute for architecture.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—"How were they employed so long," in part 3, remains unanswered.

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